**Removal of curb on export of agricultural products**

4975. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have lifted curbs on export of agricultural products; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. *Vide* the Directorate General of Foreign Trade, notification No. 49 (RE 2001) 1997—2002 dated 5-3-2002, quantitative restrictions on exports of wheat, wheat products, coarse grains and butter, registration requirement for exports of non-basmati rice and packaging restrictions on exports of pulses have been dispensed with.

Further in the EXIM Policy, restrictions on export of groundnut oil, 10 varieties of agricultural seeds and export of cashew to Russia under Escrow A/c/ Rupee-Repayment have been removed. Restrictions of registration of export contracts for wheat and wheat products, coarse grains, butter and export of cashew to Russia under Escrow A/c/Rupee-Repayment have also been dispensed with.

**Transport subsidies to NE States**

4976. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the special subsidies and incentives being granted to the NE States including Transport Subsidies indicating Central Co-ordinating Agency, State-wise annual claim, actual disbursement, disbursing agency, during the last 3 years; and

(b) the date of introduction and proposed date of termination of above mentioned schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH): (a) and (b) Government have announced a New Industrial Policy and other Concessions for the North Eastern Region, which includes Schemes like (i) Transport Subsidy (ii) Growth Centre (iii) Capital Investment Subsidy (iv) Central Interest Subsidy (v) Comprehensive Insurance Scheme. The Industrial Policy for the Region aims at to attract investors *inter-alia* contained three strategies namely; Income tax and Excise Duty concession, Schemes for Development of infrastructure and subsidies to the units established on or after announcement of the Policy. Following are the

incentives / concessions /subsidies extended in the North Eastern States under the Industrial Policy of the Region:—

(i) The tax concessions under Income Tax Act and Excise Duty.

(ii) Subsidy schemes included under Industrial Policy are Transport Subsidy, Capital Investment subsidy, Central Interest Subsidy and Comprehensive Insurance Scheme for the Region. Details are given in Statement I to IV. (*See* below).

(iii) Infrastructure Development Schemes like Growth Centre of Department of Industrial Policy and Integrated Infrastructure Development Centre (IIDC) of Ministry of Small Scale Industry. NEDFI has been established as a special purpose vehicle for development of the North Eastern Region and Nodel Agency for disbursement of subsidies in the Region.

***Statement I***

*Central Transport Subsidy Scheme: The scheme was introduced in July,* 1971 *and has been extended from time to time, and is now valid upto* 31.3.2007

*(Rs. in crores)*

| Sl. No. | State | SLC Approved Claims | | Claims Released by NEDFI | | Pending Claims | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | No. of Claims | App. Amount | No. of Claims | Rel. Amount | No. of Claims | Pending Amount |
| 1. | Arunachal Pradesh | 23 | 7.31 | 15 | 2.07 | 8 | 5.24 |
| 2. | Assam | 387 | 53.27 | 313 | 44.75 | 74 | 8.52 |
| 3. | Meghalaya | 90 | 19.88 | 65 | 14.44 | 25 | 5.44 |
| 4. | Mizoram | 523 | 11.05 | 220 | 4.35 | 303 | 6.70 |
| 5. | Nagaland | 351 | 37.44 | 73 | 7.11 | 278 | 30.33 |
| 6. | Tripura | 53 | 1.06 | 44 | 0.96 | 9 | 0.10 |
| 7. | Manipur | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 |
| | TOTAL : | 1427 | 130.01 | 730 | 73.68 | 697 | 56.34 |

Funds received from GOI 97.52
Fund Disburse (Inclusive of Nagaland Reimbursement of Rs. 2.29 crore) 73.68

***Statement II***

*Central Capital Investment Subsidy Scheme: The Scheme is valid for a period from* 24.12.1997 *to* 31.3.2007

*(*Rs. in Lakhs*)*

| Sl. No. | State | SLC Approved Claims | | Claims Released by NEDFI | | Pending Claims | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | No. of Claims | App. Amount | No. of Claims | Rel. Amount Amount | No. of Claims | Pending Amount |
| 1. | Arunachal Pradesh | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 2. | Assam | 72 | 8.55 | 27 | 3.96 | 45 | 4.59 |
| 3. | Meghalaya | 5 | 1.34 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 1.34 |
| 4. | Mizoram | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 5. | Nagaland | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 6. | Tripura | 24 | 0.76 | 13 | 0.39 | 11 | 0.37 |
| 7. | Manipur | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| | TOTAL : | 101 | 10.65 | 35 | 4.35 | 61 | 6.30 |

***Statement III***

*Central Interest Subsidy Scheme: The Scheme is valid for a period from* 24.12.1997 *to* 31.3.2007

*(*Rs. in Lakhs*)*

| Sl. No. | State | SLC Approved Claims | | Claims Released by NEDFI | | Pending Claims | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | No. of Claims | App. Amount | No. of Claims | Rel. Amount | No. of Claims | Pending Amount |
| 1. | Arunachal Pradesh | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2. | Assam | 13 | 33.00 | 2 | 4.06 | 11 | 28.94 |
| 3. | Meghalaya | 6 | 20.30 | 6 | 20.30 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 4. | Mizoram | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 5. | Nagaland | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 6. | Tripura | 1 | 0.01 | 1 | 0.01 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 7. | Manipur | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| | TOTAL : | 20 | 53.31 | 9 | 24.37 | 11 | 28.94 |

*Statement IV*

*Central Comprehensive Insurance Scheme*

During 2000-01 a sum of Rs. 10.00 lakh was released in favour of National Insurance Company (NIC). So far no disbursements have been made by the NIC.

State-wise release of Central Assistance released to Growth Centres in the North East States. This scheme was announced in 1988 and the scheme stands transferred to the States.

*(Rs. in lakh)*

| Name of the State | 1999-2000 | 2000-2001 | 2001-2002 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Arunachal Pradesh | 50 | — | — |
| Assam | 250 | 200 | — |
| Manipur | — | 100 | — |
| Meghalaya | — | — | — |
| Mizoram | — | 250 | — |
| Nagaland | 500 | 195 | 255.00 |
| Tripura | — | 250 | 270.00 |
| TOTAL: | 800 | 995 | 525.00 |

**Sunder Committee Report on movement of cargo**

4977. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Sunder Committee on integrated movement of cargo has submitted its report;

(b) if so, what are the recommendations made by the Committee to facilitate the export movement;

(c) the number of inland container depots and container freight stations in the country; State-wise; and

(d) the details of States that have availed of the scheme of assistance for development of export infrastructure on the basis of export performance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) and (b) The main recommendations